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New York Herald Tribune:

Things in the spy business aren't always what they seem, it seems. Sen. Frank Church wanted to impart some confidential information to CIA director John McCone the other day, so he sealed it in an envelope printed with his personal Senate frank and sent it over by special Senate messenger. The messenger fell into the hands of the security boys at CIA headquarters, who grilled him at length about what he was up to, then finally let him go — but wouldn't accept the letter. And all the time we, in our simple way, had thought those guards at the CIA were meant to keep secrets from getting out.